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behalf of all Representatives

DELAWARE STATE SENATE
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

COMMEMORATING THE WEEK OF MARCH 19 THROUGH 25 OF 2017 AS DELAWARE AG WEEK

1 WHEREAS, the history of Delaware has been shaped, and continues to be shaped, by people working in the proud
2 tradition of agriculture; and

3 WHEREAS, agriculture is Delaware's number one and most vital industry, with production agriculture alone
4 adding more than \$1.3 billion to the state's economy each year; and

5 WHEREAS, agriculture provides 30,000 Delaware jobs throughout the farm and food chain, including farmers,
6 farm workers, scientists, processors, shippers and retailers; and

7 WHEREAS, Delaware has more than 2,500 farms; and

8 WHEREAS, in May 2016, the Delaware Department of Agriculture marked the 20th anniversary of Delaware's
9 farmland preservation program by announcing that more than 120,000 acres of farmland have been permanently preserved
10 in Delaware; and

11 WHEREAS, farming is Delaware's single largest land use, with 41 percent of Delaware land used in agriculture;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, American agriculture builds on centuries of progress by constantly seeking advances in science,
14 research, technology, production, and marketing to meet the demands of changing consumer needs and complex world
15 markets; and

16 WHEREAS, Delaware's agricultural heritage is a celebration of its food, its land, and its people and is essential to
17 the strength and vitality of our great state.

18 NOW, THEREFORE:

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
20 Representatives concurring therein, that we hereby commemorate the week of March 19 through 25, 2017 as Delaware Ag
21 Week and we urge all Delawareans to celebrate and to learn more about Delaware's modern agricultural industry, and to
22 pay tribute to the farmers, the agricultural community, and the educators who provide the research and the education so
23 vital to sustaining our agricultural industry.

SYNOPSIS

Commemorating the week of March 19 through 25, 2017 as Delaware Ag Week and urging all Delawareans to celebrate and to learn more about Delaware's modern agricultural industry, and to pay tribute to the farmers, the agricultural community, and the educators who provide the research and the education so vital to sustaining our agricultural industry.

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